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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to secure the suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. OBERNOLTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “9-8-8 Lifeline Cyberse-
5 curity Responsibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**
2 **FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS.**

3 (a) SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE.—Section
4 520E–3(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 290bb–36c(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
9 th end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) coordinating with the Chief Information
12 Security Officer of the Department of Health and
13 Human Services to take such steps as may be nec-
14 essary to ensure the program is protected from cy-
15 bersecurity incidents and eliminates known cyberse-
16 curity vulnerabilities.”.

17 (b) REPORTING.—Section 520E–3 of the Public
18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
20 section (g); and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(f) CYBERSECURITY REPORTING.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The program’s network ad-
25 ministrator receiving Federal funding pursuant to
26 subsection (a) shall report to the Assistant Sec-

1 retary, in a manner that protects personal privacy,
2 consistent with applicable Federal and State privacy
3 laws—

4 “(A) any identified cybersecurity
5 vulnerabilities to the National Suicide Preven-
6 tion Lifeline; and

7 “(B) any identified cybersecurity incidents
8 or potential incidents to the National Suicide
9 Prevention Lifeline.

10 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If an entity described in
11 paragraph (1) discovers a cybersecurity vulner-
12 ability, incident, or potential incident, such entity
13 shall immediately report that discovery to the Assist-
14 ant Secretary.

15 “(3) CLARIFICATION.—The cybersecurity inci-
16 dent reporting requirements under this subsection
17 shall supplement, and not supplant, cybersecurity in-
18 cident reporting requirements under other provisions
19 of applicable Federal law that are in effect on the
20 date of the enactment of the 9-8-8 Lifeline Cyberse-
21 curity Responsibility Act.”.

22 “(c) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
24 the United States shall—

1 (1) conduct and complete a study that evaluates
2 cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated
3 with the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
4 and

5 (2) submit a report of the findings of such
6 study to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
7 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
9 ate.